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Geoffrey B. Rhoads

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EMPLOYING WATERMARKS

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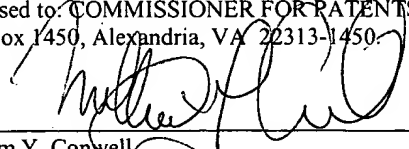
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Sir,

Responsive to the Action mailed November 24, 2003, applicant notes as follows:

Each of the rejections is premised on patent 6,564,380 to Murphy. Murphy was filed on January 24, 2000.

The present application enjoys priority back at least to June 21, 1999.

Although Murphy claims priority to a provisional application filed in January, 1999, the contents of that application are not known.

In addition to other grounds of traverse not belabored here, it appears a *prima facie* rejection has not been made out because there is no showing that the cited teachings from Murphy are properly available as prior art.

Favorable reconsideration is solicited.

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